

New Laws Seen If Campus Unrest Grows

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COLLEGE CONFERENCE . . . Dr. Glenn Dumke (second from left), Chancellor of the California State College System, talks with officials of California State College, Dominguez Hills, during his day-long visit to the new campus Thursday. With Dr. Dumke are Donald T. Loker, chairman of the Citizens' Advisory Board at the college; Ric Thomas, president of the Student Association; and Dr. Leo F. Caln, president of Cal-State, Dominguez Hills. Thursday's tour marked the first visit Dr. Dumke has paid to the newest college in the statewide system. (Press-Herald Photo)

Woman to Face Murder Charge in Fire Death

Judge Sets Date For Arraignment

An elderly Torrance housewife sat complacently in South Bay Municipal Court Friday morning as Judge Auten Bush told her she must face arraignment for first degree murder and arson.

room waste paper bag by igniting a pad from a cigarette lighter. Holmes said Mrs. Duncan told him she had not intended to murder her husband, but just "shake him up."

Flora Agnes Duncan, 67, is being held to answer in the death of her husband, Charles Raymond Duncan. The 72-year-old victim died of asphyxiation Jan. 18 when fire broke out in the couple's El Prado Hotel apartment, 1221 El Prado, Apt. 9.

THE HEAVY-SET widow reportedly told Holmes that her husband was awake when she set the fire and suffered (See COURT, Page A-2)

Mrs. Duncan will be arraigned in Southwest Superior Court Feb. 19. No bail was set.

Three File Papers for City Vote

IRONICALLY, the defendant's preliminary hearing coincided with the death of the couple's toy poodle, Cherie, who was badly burned in the conflagration. The tiny dog lost her two-week fight for life Friday morning at Dottie's Doggie Groomer, 1917 W. Carson St., where she had been under sedation since the blaze.

Eight Torrance residents have announced intentions to run for the three City Council seats which become vacant this spring. Those who have formally filed nomination papers are Max A. Kelly, a history teacher at North High School, and incumbents Edward Talbert and George Vico.

Detective Bob Holmes of the Torrance Police Department testified that Mrs. Duncan had blurted out a confession in her hospital room when informed of her husband's death. She was under treatment for smoke inhalation at the time.

Others who have taken out nomination papers are Dr. Donald Wilson, Nick Drae, Rocio Garcia, Orin P. (Bud) Johnson, and Leo F. X. Salisbury. They have until Feb 15 to return their papers to the office of City Clerk Vernon W. Coil.

"Good! I'm glad!" she told Holmes, he testified Friday. "He deserved it!" Holmes said Mrs. Duncan told him she set the blaze in a living

Candidates for the three council seats will be elected on an at-large basis at the municipal election April 9.

Faculty, Student Cooperation Asked

By DOUG HUFF
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"There had better be peace on the campuses or there will be legislation. This is not the time to test the tolerance of the community," Dr. Glenn S. Dumke, California State College Chancellor, warned students and faculty Thursday in a visit to Cal State, Dominguez Hills.

lawfully, and peacefully—but when they go beyond the law," he emphasized, "they destroy the legal system used to protect their liberties. "We have developed a tradition of respect and legality to get things changed. There is no excuse in the United States of America for violence or civil disobedience. "The only reason we have it is because people are refusing to use these means.

"Legislation would restrict our academic freedom in a way that none of us want to contemplate but if we have one more riot we will have legislation," he said.

"PEOPLE WANT freedom and order, but if given a choice between the two they will pick order," Dr. Dumke claimed. "This is the way dictators come into power."

"A lot of responsibility rests on the students and a responsible faculty. We must demonstrate we can practice responsible academic freedom," he stated repeatedly in his series of day-long meetings.

His inference was that should campus disruptions continue the specter of a dictator on the college campuses would become a real one.

"I DO NOT think the academic community is aware of the intensity of feeling being expressed among the public on some issues confronting us on the campus. "Students have the right to state their opinions openly,

"The legislature and the people see us out of perspective," he said, "because of the riots at Cal State, Los Angeles and San Francisco in December and also the presentation of a play featuring a sex act, 'The Beard,' at Cal-State, Fullerton, in the same month.

HERMOSA SHOOTING Torrance Police Arrest Suspects

Torrance police were instrumental in rounding up four suspects involved in a Hermosa Beach shooting incident which cost a 20-year-old youth his life.

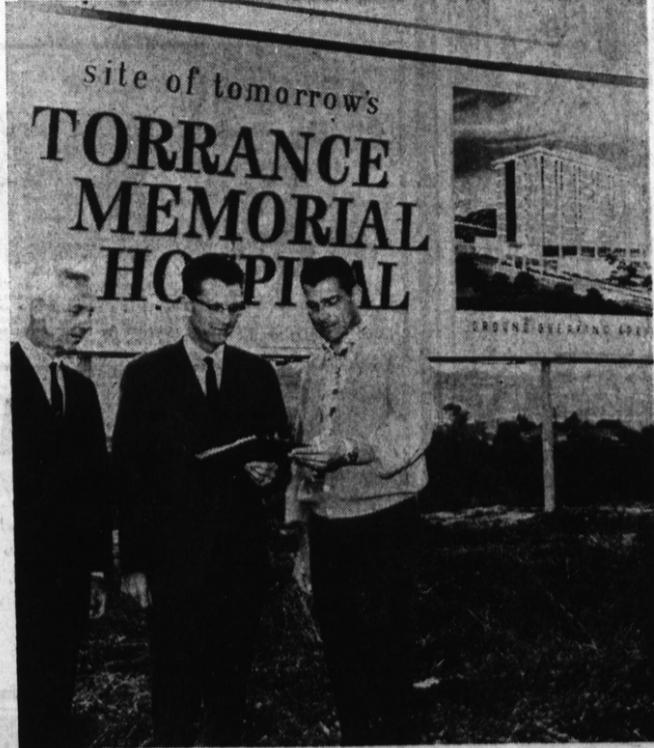
Arresting officers said Sloan, the driver, was bleeding about the head. A gun covered with dried blood was found under the front seat, police reported, although Sloan denied any knowledge of the weapon.

Police received a report about 2:30 a.m. Friday that the suspects' vehicle was last seen on Hermosa Avenue, Hermosa Beach. Ten minutes later, Torrance units apprehended the car as it sped north on Crenshaw.

Victim of the shooting was Stephen Paul Luttman of El Segundo, who died Friday afternoon at South Bay Community Hospital. A four-hour emergency operation failed to save him.

Taken into custody and turned over to the Hermosa Beach police for booking were Kenneth Eugene Helmick, 26, 3734 Redondo Beach Blvd.; Burles Sloan, 31, of Lawndale, and his 30-year-old wife Mary Katherine; and Joyce Willes, 22, of Lawndale.

All four suspects were booked for assault with intent to commit murder. Helmick and the two women were also charged with possession of dangerous drugs. Hermosa Beach police said the suspects have been released pending further investigation.



SIGN MARKS SPOT . . . A new sign, donated by Tormed, marks the spot where a new nine-story, 250-bed Torrance Memorial Hospital is to be built near Lomita and Hawthorne boulevards. Pictured admiring the sign are (from left), Nelson Rucker, general manager of Union Carbide Corp's Torrance plant; Verne Hughes, manager of the Bank of America's Sepulveda-Hawthorne branch; and Dr. Keith Packard, president of Tormed. Rucker and Hughes are members of the boards of Torrance Memorial and Riviera Community hospitals, which have merged to form the new Torrance Memorial Hospital. Tormed will develop 25 acres adjacent to the hospital site as a huge medical complex. Groundbreaking for the hospital is planned for April. (Press-Herald Photo)



SERVICE CLUB . . . Dick Dingman (left), president of the Newton Elementary School Service Club, checks lunch passes as part of the club's activities. Club members, who must attain a "B" average in citizenship, also assist teachers and other school employees in a variety of jobs. With Dingman are (from left) Robert Fine, club advisor; Bob Gagne; and Janell Stonedrige.

Youths Learn Citizenship Through New School Club

Forty-five eighth grade students at Newton Elementary School are learning about citizenship by serving their school.

old organization begun by Dr. Dale Wickstrom, principal, to actively involve students in assisting in school activities.

They are members of the Newton Service Club, a year-

Club advisor Robert Fine notes an upsurge of interest in the school plant and school programs since formation of the club.

Trustees To Meet At West

In the last of a series of traveling board meetings for the current school year, the Torrance Board of Education will meet tomorrow at 7:30 p.m., at West High School, 20401 Victor St. Board president Bert M. Lynn will conduct the session.

Members of the service club help out in a number of ways. They may check lunch passes at the gate, help the school secretary in the office, assist in the cafeteria, serve as student teachers, run projectors, take down the flag, or get out physical education equipment.

"This will wind up the current season of community meetings," Lynn stated. "The purpose of the in-the-field meetings is to encourage the public to see how the board operates by enabling them to attend a session in their own section of town."

To qualify for membership in the club, a student must have a "B" average in citizenship. A committee of

teachers selects those candidates whom they feel will benefit from belonging to the club. Club members assign chores according to individual qualifications.

Competition to get into the club is keen. Each quarter candidates have an opportunity to be reconsidered and members are reviewed in citizenship and performance.

The club president is Dick Dingman.

"The bonus that we've gained as a by-product," Dr. Wickstrom states, "is that not only does the student learn responsibility and organization, but in the drive for increasingly better citizenship, he gains insight into himself and others."

Registration Week Slated

The week of Feb. 8 through 15 has been proclaimed as "Torrance Registration Week" by Mayor Albert Isen. In issuing the proclamation, Isen noted only 51,202 persons are registered in the city, while some 82,000 persons are eligible to vote. Feb. 15 is the final day to register in order to vote in the April 9 municipal election, Isen said.

Crossing Guard Killed

A 69-year-old crossing guard was killed Thursday when he was struck by a car at Normandie Avenue and 223rd Street. Dead is Vernon Arnsdorf, 21147 Dalton Ave. Police said Arnsdorf was assisting a group of children across the street when he was struck. He carried a red and white "stop" sign and wore a fluorescent jacket, police reported. The driver of the car was identified as Michael D. Derheim, 16, of Gardena. The accident is still under investigation, police said.

Everybody's a Winner

There were no losers among the city's five high school basketball teams Friday night. The perfect evening was climaxed when Torrance High scored a 61-59 upset win over Morningside. In four other games, West scored a 96-62 win over Lawndale; North defeated Redondo, 67-58; South won an 84-53 victory over Inglewood; and Bishop Montgomery came up with a 59-32 win at the expense of Crespi. Details are on today's Press-Herald Sports page, B-3.